

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

1. troops were scheduled to be entrained at the following railroad stations on 14 and 15 April 1953; at Brandenburg-Altstadt, Wildpark, Potsdam, Frankfurt/Oder and Fuerstenwalde on 14 April; and at Satz Korn, Brandenburg-Altstadt and Fuerstenwalde on 15 April. beginning 14 April, large elements would be entrained in the railroad districts of Halle, Magdeburg and Schwerin. 1

2. a troop train of 24 boxcars, 24 flatcars and 1 gondola car went from Neuruppin to Luebars on 13 April. 2

1. Comment. The information continues previous observations on the movement of Soviet units to troop training grounds.
The troops entrained on 14 and 15 April 1953 are units of the 10th Gds Tank Div from Brandenburg and Satz Korn which probably went to Letzling Heath, and units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div from Frankfurt/Oder and Fuerstenwalde which went to Lieberose. It is believed possible that units of the 10th Gds Tank Div were also loaded at the Potsdam and Wildpark railroad stations; however, it is also possible that contingents of the 34th Arty Div (US) were transported to Altengrabow from these railroad stations. The troop movements in the Halle and Magdeburg railroad districts were previously reported in the reference report. In the Schwerin railroad district, probably the 18th Mecz Div moved from its three home stations to the Wittstock troop training grounds.

2. Comment. The troop train probably carried artillery units of the 12th Gds Tank Div from Neuruppin and Fuerstenwalde which went to the Altengrabow troop training grounds via Luebars for combat firing practices.

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